

October 20, 2009

## **Hopkinton Conservation Commission Meeting**

Kimball Lake facility has had its lock changed?

Thus we are meeting at Town Hall (“How did they get in?”)

Present were: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Todd Aubertin, Erick Leadbeater, Tim White, Jed Merrow and Byron Carr.

Meeting called to order at 1952 EDT by chairman Owen.

1. Minutes of 09/15/09 were approved as written.
2. Owen removed fallen tree from Brockway Forest trail.
3. No Hopkinton Student was sent to Conservation Camp by the HCC during summer 2009.
4. HCC Budget for 2010 is due 11/16/09. Discussion followed. Membership in the NHACC (\$220.), Five Rivers Conservation Trust dues (\$50.) and a Hopkinton student to an Environmental Summer Camp session (\$450.). Total \$725. Voted in the unanimous. Jed will submit.
5. In a letter dated 10/15/09, Ron Klemarczyk pointed out (to the selectmen) that the HCC could (legally...per RSA36-A:5) pay for the special town meeting, re the Bohanan Conservation Easement. A copy of Ron’s letter has been filed with HCC documents.
6. Derek gave the Town the final bill from Prescottt Towle for weed control on the sledding slope at Hawthorne Forest. Jed confirms 2<sup>nd</sup> payment has been made to Mr. Towle.
7. Garber’s wetland problem on Briar Hill Rd., has a hearing 10/28/09 at DES. Note: A wetland violation stays with the property and the fine stays with the offender. Garber lost his house in foreclosure? Empty now...
8. HCC Budget sheets to date were studied. Jed has solved the questions from the last meeting’s sheets.
9. Open Space Committee is writing an OpEd piece re the Bohanan Easement. Does the Shoreland Protection Act apply to the river frontage? (The SPA is explained at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/index.htm> ) Define flood plain and floodway? “A floodplain, or flood plain, is flat or nearly flat land adjacent to a stream or river that experiences occasional or periodic flooding. It includes the floodway, which consists of the stream channel and adjacent areas that carry flood flows, and the flood fringe, which are areas covered by the flood, but which do not experience a strong current.” An LCHIP application has also been submitted by the OSC.
10. Tim White and Jed Merrow, report that copies of the video, “Rattlers, Peeper and Snappers” (purchased by the HCC) have been given to the 3 town school libraries as well as the town library.
11. Thanks to Tim White for tasty seasonal refreshments. Next meeting is November 17, 2009, 1930 EST at Town Hall with Derek Owen as host.